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FOR THE YEAR 1971

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	1,078
Registrar General's estimated mid-year population	3,960

VITAL STATISTICS

		1971		
		Male	Female	Total
BIRTHS registered:	Live Births Total	29	31	60
	Legitimate	28	26	54
	Illegitimate	1	5	6
	Still Births Total	1	1	2
DEATHS registered:	Total	27	28	55
	Maternal Deaths		Nil	
	Deaths of infants under 1 year	1	0	1
	Legitimate	1	0	1
	Under 4 weeks of age:			Nil
	Under 1 week of age:			Nil

The following table of figures shows the birth rates, etc. for the Shaftesbury Borough area and the rates for England and Wales for comparison.

In calculating Birthand Death Rates, Area Comparability Factors are used by the Registrar General to "correct" marked variations from average in the age and sex structure of the local populations and to take into account any unusually high or low mortality due to the presence of residential institutions, etc. The local crude rate multiplied by the area comparability factor produces a rate comparable with rates in other parts of the country.

	Shaftesbury Borough:1971	England and Wales:1971
Live birth rate per 1,000 estimated population.....	15.2	16.0
Area comparability factor	1.25	1.0
Local adjusted rate	19.0	16.0
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births...	10	8
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths..	32	12
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	17	18
I.M.R. of legitimate infants	19	17
I.M.R. of illegitimate infants	-	24
Neonatal mortality rate (Deaths under 4 wks.per 1,000 live born).....	-	12
Early neonatal mortality rate (Deaths under 1 wk.per 1,000 live born).....	-	10
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 wk.per 1,000 total live and still births)	32	22
Deaths per 1,000 population	13.9	11.6
Area comparability factor	0.73	1.0
Local adjusted death rate	10.1	11.6

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR

	1971		
	Male	Female	Total
Infective illnesses	0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm			
Lung and bronchus	2	1	3
Breast	0	2	2
Uterus	-	1	1
Prostate	0	-	0
Stomach & Intestines	0	2	2
Leukaemia	0	0	0
Other sites	1	0	1
Anaemias	1	0	1
Other diseases of nervous system	0	1	1
Ischaemic heart disease	11	7	18
Cerebrovascular disease	2	5	7
Other heart & circulatory system diseases	3	8	11
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Bronchitis and emphysema	2	0	2
Diseases of kidneys and genito-urinary system	1	0	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	0	1
All other accidents	1	0	1
	27	28	55

GENERAL REMARKS

Unfortunately, the Public Health Inspector was unable to provide the statistics for his part of the report until mid-March 1974, very shortly before the Reorganisation of Local Government. At this late date it is pointless to reproduce the remainder of the information which formed my report for the year 1971.

ESTHER JACKSON
Medical Officer of Health

26 March 1974.

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NATURE OF THE DISTRICT & PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES & TRADES

This is a market town, with a small, developing industrial estate.

WATER SUPPLY

Relevant Authority: West Wilts. Water Board.

During the year, 134 samples were taken by the Water Board, and of these, 121 samples were found to be satisfactory. 13 samples were unsatisfactory due to mistakes in sampling techniques, now corrected.

Private Supplies

There is one well supplying water to one private house.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Approximately 40 yards of sewer at Longmead Industrial Estate and 10 yards of sewer at St. James were relaid.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

There is a kerbside collection of house refuse once weekly. One vehicle is used 2½ days per week to make this collection.

All official burning of the tip has stopped. A tractor was purchased in April and is used on tip control, in addition to manual labour for 3 days of the week.

There is no Salvage Scheme in operation in the Borough.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

No. of inspectors appointed under the Act	1
Estimated No. of Premises subject to registration	83
No. of Premises registered	79
No. of Premises Inspected	61
No. of Inspections carried out	69

FACTORIES ACT 1961

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) -

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)	No. of Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	NIL			
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	29	5	Nil	
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers')	NIL			
TOTAL:	29	5	NIL	NIL

Outworkers : PART VIII of the Act

43 outworkers were employed in the making, cleaning and washing, etc. of wearing apparel. There were no cases of default in sending lists to the Council, and no instances of work in unwholesome premises.

SANITATION OF SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SCHOOL CANTEEN HYGIENE)

Five school canteens were inspected. One D.C.C. boarding school canteen (Barton Hill House) reported severe infestation of cockroaches. This was sprayed and dusted seven times over a period of four months.

THE CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

No action was called for during the year.

RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT

There are no premises in the district registered under the Act.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT

There are no premises in the district registered under the Act.

SWIMMING BATHS

There is one Council-owned swimming bath to which the public have access. Regular checks of water purity have been carried out by the Council staff.

THE CONTROL OF MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There is no licensed site in the District.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

No action was called for during the year.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There is a convenience under the Town Hall, with cold water washing facilities and paper towels, and another at the Recreation Ground with cold water only. Another convenience at the Coppice Street Car Park is provided with cold water and warm air dryers.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Thejoint scheme, administered by Sherborne Urban District and enveloping the five neighbouring districts (Beaminster, Sherborne, Sturminster and Shaftesbury Rural District and Shaftesbury Borough) is operating satisfactorily.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

No. of licensed premises	2
No. of inspections made	2

HOUSING

Total No. of Houses in the district	1458

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

No. of Inspections made	5
No. of informal notices served.....	2
No. of informal notices complied with	2
No. of Statutory notices served	Nil

Houses Let in Lodgings

There are no houses in the Borough known to be let in lodgings.

HOUSING - continued

Improvement Grants

	(a) Standard	(b) Discretionary
No. Granted	2	6
No. pending	8	7

In the Autumn a successful 3-day exhibition was held in the Guildhall to publicise Grant Aid, supported by various trade stands and the Department of the Environment's Mobile Caravan.

New Houses

No. of new dwellings provided by private enterprise during the year 30

No. of new dwellings provided by the Local Authority during the year 24

Re-Housing

Total No. of families housed during the year by the Local Authority 43

Housing Applications

No. of persons who are applicants for a Council House at the end of the year :-

(a) resident within the district 21

(b) resident without the district 10

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

1. MILK

The Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

No. of 'dealers' subject to registration by the District Council 8

No. of 'dairies' in the district subject to registration ..... Nil

No. of 'distributors' subject to registration ... 1

Samples

No. of samples of milk taken and submitted for examination during the year:-

	Passed	Failed	Total
Tuberculin Tested	Nil	Nil	Nil
Accredited	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pasteurised	10	Nil	10

Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations 1959 - Regulation 19-20

No action was taken or called for during the year.

2. Other Food Premises

(a) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Details of food premises subject to the above, grouped in categories of trade carried on in them and including the following information for each category separately:-

Trade	No. of Premises	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg.16	No.of Premises to which Reg.19 applies	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Hotels	5	5	5	5
Cafes	3	3	3	3
Public Houses	9	9	9	9
Clubs	3	3	3	3
Church Halls	3	3	3	3
Canteens - Schools	5	5	5	5
Confectioners	4	4	4	4
Meat and Fish	6	6	6	6
Grocers	4	4	4	4
Mixed Stores	4	4	4	4
Boarding Schools	3	3	3	3
Food Factories	2	2	2	2
Others	6	6	6	6

No. of such premises inspected during the year 54
No. of inspections carried out 94

(b) No. of Food Premises subject to registration under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 in respect of:-

(i) Ice Cream 17
(ii) Sausages & Prepared Meats... 3
(iii) Fish and Chips 2

No. of samples of ice cream submitted for Methylene Blue Test - Nil.

(c) The disposal of condemned food is carried out by digesters at the R.D.C. slaughterhouses.

Slaughterhouses

There are no licensed slaughterhouses or knackers yards in the Borough.

Condemned Food - 6/6lbs. tins of corned beef) were condemned.
43 lbs. stewing steak)
20 lbs. chuck steak)
67 lbs. fish fillets)

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS (INCLUDING HOUSING) CARRIED OUT

Total No. of inspections (under all headings) 302
Total No. of informal notices served 51
Total No. of informal notices complied with 37
Total No. of statutory notices served ..... Nil
Total No. of statutory notices complied with ..... Nil
No. of prosecutions ..... Nil

OTHER MATTERS

In an effort to improve the general Food Hygiene conditions, particular emphasis was paid to the Shaftesbury Show in August. A total of 17 "stalls" were visited, some twice, during the day and, after reporting to the Public Health Committee, it was decided to send 5 warning letters